

## SENATE BILL NO. 300

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT INCREASING THE ASSESSMENT ON FERTILIZER SOLD IN MONTANA AND ADJUSTING THE PERCENTAGES OF THE ASSESSMENT TO BE USED BY THE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE AND THE AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION; AMENDING SECTIONS 80-10-103 AND 80-10-104, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**Section 1.** Section 80-10-103, MCA, is amended to read:

**"80-10-103. Assessment to fund educational and experimental programs -- collection.** ~~Moneys~~ Money to fund 80-10-104 through 80-10-106 must be produced by an assessment of ~~35 80 75~~ cents per ton of fertilizer sold within Montana. Collections ~~shall~~ must be made in accordance with procedures in 80-10-207 and ~~shall~~ must be collected from the manufacturer."

**Section 2.** Section 80-10-104, MCA, is amended to read:

**"80-10-104. Allocation of assessment.** The assessment ~~shall~~ provided in 80-10-103 must be collected by the department and up to 1% ~~shall~~ must be retained by the department for costs of collection. The balance ~~shall~~ must be deposited in the state special revenue fund with ~~50%~~ 25% for use by the cooperative extension service and ~~50%~~ 75% for use by the agricultural experiment station in programs recommended by the fertilizer advisory committee provided for in 2-15-1516 and approved by the respective directors."

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2009.

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